

# The Weekly Ledger

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EVERY day has its day.

WORK on the hole in Flat Rock has not been started.

IT is never too late to help make Mexico a greater city.

THOSE who blow, blow, blow, have to strengthen left for efficient work.

VACATION time is drawing to a close and we should all get busy and help make Mexico a greater city.

THE weather bureau says that heavy rain is expected for the next few days.

MANAGER McCracken of the Bureau of Agriculture says the extreme dry weather is ruining the crops in Mexico.

THE Columbia, Mo., Herald-Examiner is one of the best papers in the country and is published up-to-date country.

EVERY citizen of Mexico and Audrain County is interested in the poultry industry of Audrain County.

LOOK at the merchants and citizens of Mexico who buy and sell for cash and you will find that they are all prosperous. Doubts do not scare them.

WHILE burning trash or leaves you should be careful or you will burn somebody's house down.

COL. J. A. Potts of San Antonio, Texas, who says he will claim Mexico as his home is here the guest of relatives. We are glad to state Mr. Potts looks well and his health is excellent.

ADRAIN County is credited with only three members of the State Teachers Assn. We should surely do better than this.

SOME of our merchants are in favor of boring a deep well in the Court House yard and filling in the city.

CITY Engineer Keller has estimated that the damage to the street paving south the government building caused by the heavy rains, amounts to \$25. Mayor Potts has the matter up with the managers of Bureau & Bailey's show.

QUITE a number of Democrats who are hunting reasons to fight Wilson remind us of Mexico people who are hunting reasons to oppose or discredit any movement which tends toward the uplift, growth or prosperity of Mexico or Audrain County.

MAYOR Potts is arranging to have a conference with the Heat and Power Company regarding a contract for lighting the city. The arrangement is temporary. Mr. Potts and the lighting committee of the Council are in favor of more lights of smaller candle power. The thing the city can better light in this way at the same price.

COL. J. T. Johnson is home from Jefferson City where he tried a big lot sale in which Hon. S. B. Cook, president of the Jefferson City Trust Co., was interested. Col. Johnson says the sale was a splendid success and over forty thousand dollars worth of lots were sold. Mr. Houchins, well known in Mexico buying about \$10,000 worth. Evidently the dry spell doesn't scare the Jefferson City people.

BEST OR NONE.

Now that the fire insurance controversy has been settled in Missouri, we have secured writing business to the best companies.

HERE THEY ARE:

Home Insurance Co. of New York, Hartford Fire Ins. Co. of Hartford, Aetna Insurance Co. of Hartford, Germania Insurance Co. of New York, Insurance Co. of North America, North British & Mercantile Ins. Co. of London, F. & M. Ins. Co.

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## S. W. HAYNES IS

NEW METHODIST

MINISTER HERE

The report from the Methodist conference at St. Charles states the Rev. S. W. Haynes, who will have charge of the Mexico church this year. The Rev. W. F. Dunbar being sent to Liberty to take his place. Mr. Haynes has been in Liberty for the four years he has been in Liberty and is one of the best men in the conference. The report also stated the Rev. A. B. Colburn will return to Mexico. This is good news as he and his family have made many friends here.

MEXICO WHOLESALE MUSIC HOUSE HAS BIG PATRONAGE

The Mexico Music Co., owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Upham, one of the largest wholesale houses of sheet music in the state of Missouri. This fact is not generally known because Mr. and Mrs. Upham conduct their business quietly and efficiently. They sell music in 25 states.

Their full shipment of sheet music arrived the other day and weighed 1-500 pounds. They keep in stock 10,000 copies of the music used in schools and colleges by pupils and supply teachers in 25 states.

This firm has been in business for a great many years. Their business has grown steadily and has proven a great advertisement for Mexico.

THE Vandalia Leader, referring to the success of the Chautauque there editorially says: Vandalia with her customary decided action when it is something of spirit or progress for the town or community, had a guarantee of 111 names delivered to the Chautauque managers on the closing day of the meeting. The Chautauque this year was uniformly delightful, and gave general satisfaction. All of the people connected with it were delighted to meet socially, or to deal with in a business way. The Chautauque has become one of the necessities of town and community life, and will be a permanent feature here.

THE Centralia Guard says: "Mexico" is going to investigate the present electric light conditions in the city, as Mayor Potts declares he will terminate the contract with the Mexico Light and Power Co., within 30 days unless they do something to better the service in the city. Centralia is using the same service as Mexico uses, but we pay more for the privilege. The merchants of this place put in a white flag system of ninety lights and replaced one incandescent and three gas lights that were supposed to light the same area as is covered by the new system. If Mexico wants to improve conditions and moderate its streets let her send a committee over to a dry town where they have these things. It will take money to put Mexico in the line light and Centralia will have money to loan out on good security after the Fall taxes are collected.

THE Mexico Ledger is glad to state that the people of Mexico and Audrain County are taking as much interest in the poultry industry. The Ledger would be glad to have letters from farmers or farmer's wives regarding the poultry interest of Audrain County.

EDITOR Schaffner, of the Missouri Notes in the Kansas City Times says Miss Marie Rose, the society editor of the Mexico takes a fall out of the folks who have been knocking the chautauque. Says she—and you couldn't suppose such an attractive smiling person could be so malicious. "Anyway, some people who criticized the Vester system wouldn't know the difference between the Vester system and the solar system."

THE Water works company is not going to "dig out the pond" as suggested. The digging would amount to very little. They have put in a concrete bridge in the upper end of the pond which will permit the raising of the dam at least a foot and this will nearly double the capacity of the pond.

RICHARDS Cash Store of Perry, Mo., has a page advertisement this week in the Enterprise, giving top prices and quoting the same for all poultry products, butter and etc. That the way to go after the poultry business if you really want it.

THE Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic says that the State Senator James of Fulton, Mo., is in Washington, reporting U. S. Adcock a candidate for United States Marshal in the Kansas City district. The two have called on Sen. Rogers and Stone and upon Attorney General McReynolds.

READ the advertisements in the Mexico Ledger before you buy your fall or winter goods. There is no excuse for sending away for anything you want.

THE Kansas City Star editorially says: "Boone did it." It is the explanation of Boone Harrison, who shot a woman Tuesday. That is the sort of testimony that is putting saloons out of business all through Missouri.

THE Ledger's concrete bridge in West Mexico has been completed and paid for and is a first class proposition. Work on the two just east of the city will be pushed as quickly as possible.

ARRANGEMENTS will be made just as soon as the hot weather is over for the Water Works Co. to secure additional water from the Joni's deep well. In the meantime Mr. Dyke, representative of the Water Works Company will investigate the deep hole in Flatrock to see what shape it is in.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made to hold a local option election in Mexico.

## LOCAL OPTION CAMPAIGN FOR MEXICO

STARTS FRIDAY EVE.

A petition will be presented to the Mexico City Council at its meeting next Monday evening requesting that body to call an election here at once to decide whether the saloon shall remain in the city or not.

This move was decided upon Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church when a meeting of representatives of all churches convened and after discussing the question decided to settle the "wet" and "dry" fight at once. The opening gun will be Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Court House, and everyone is invited to be present and attend.

An organization will be perfected at once to take charge of the movement to make Mexico "dry". At the meeting Sunday afternoon, J. W. Wilson presided and the following executive committee was appointed to attend the preliminary arrangements of organization: J. W. By, chairman, Dr. W. L. Reed, W. A. Sharp, E. A. Shannon, P. H. Parker. A petition asking for the election will be circulated at once and presented to the City Council at their meeting Monday night.

At the meeting Sunday afternoon the following gentlemen spoke: J. C. Mundy, F. H. Parker, Ross C. Canham, J. D. Gray, J. W. Wilson, E. A. Shannon, W. C. Hays, St. Louis, superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League, W. A. Sharp.

ED SPICER DEAD

Ed Spicer, 35-years old died Fri. at his home west of this city from tuberculosis. He was single. The funeral will be from the home Sunday and the body buried in Elmwood cemetery. The Ledger joins in extending sympathy.

EXACT ROUTING OF LINCOLN HIGHWAY STILL UNSETTLED

Whether the Lincoln, Cross-Country Highway will follow the Central route through Missouri remains undecided according to a recent statement of President H. B. Joy of the Automobile Manufacturers Assn., backing this enterprise. The Missouri Central route has been inspected and the full engineers are expected to visit the Missouri Northern route which passes through Mexico.

It looks well for the Northern route in that Mr. Joy says the government will, to a certain extent, be governed in a measure, by its convenience to the railroad. The Automobile manufacturers have given a bond of \$20,000 for the road. They expect to furnish material for a permanent highway and will ask every county through which the route passes to haul this material from the railroad, prepare the highway for its reception and place it. Boone county, if the Central route is chosen, has wired the Association they will furnish \$5,000 a mile for work in preparing the road.

The decision will be reached this winter. Mr. Joy believes as soon as this highway is completed the National Government will stand building similar highways.

HAVE YOU BEEN IN COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL

If you haven't visited the complete McMillan High School you have a great privilege here.

It is by far the finest high school outside of the city in the state. Including the auditorium, which seats 1,000, there are 25 rooms in the building giving every department ample space. The business department has two immense rooms, connected with large doors and well lighted. This idea is carried out everywhere else in the building.

The domestic Science department, under Miss Archie Cook who has been taking special work along this line in Chicago University this summer, has nine small gas stoves with ovens each, and a room of two girls in the other room of that department will be five sewing machines, and several cutting tables. The girls of the Senior Class this year will likely make their own graduation dresses.

To fully appreciate the building you should visit it. The acoustic properties of the auditorium are perfect. The proscenium arch is lighted with 12 incandescent globes while the footlights contain 15 globes. The decoration of the auditorium is very handsome.

ANOTHER historic Poe landmark has been found in Richmond. Their new-fangled mahogany bars are crowding the old drinking places out everywhere.

Robert Robertson, Clarence Wilkins and Miss Virginia Parker and George Whitman motored to Columbia, Sunday in the Robertson car, and spent the day with Miss Mary Scudde.

The Moberly Evening Democrat published a story Friday that C. L. Peroms, representing the Burlington railroad, was in that vicinity with a gas of surveys on an airline just where this line of extension will start is not stated, as they are working secretly, but those who claim to know assert Mexico is the logical point.

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R. D. Worrell is home from Monticello, Ill., where his wife and daughter have been visiting for a week or so.

SURPRISE PARTY

Frank Summers who lives just north of here was most agreeably surprised last Friday evening, when fifty of the young people in his neighborhood came in unexpectedly carrying baskets of "cans". The party was a farewell affair as Frank left Monday for Central College, Fayette, Mo. He was not expecting company, however, and the young people found him in the clothes in which he had been coming out. A most enjoyable evening was spent and at the close a delicious lunch was served.

Bring your repair work to us. It will be returned promptly in perfect condition. Dearing, 6111.

AYD BAHNHEIMBRADY MEXICO

## School Books

Bought, Sold and Exchanged

Carry a full and complete stock of all school books for Mexico, Audrain, Callaway and Monroe Co's. in either new or extra good second hand books at a saving of 40 to 50 per cent. Everything needed in the school room. I will buy your old school books if kind in use and in good clean condition.

W. L. Craddock, Book

On the Corner Opposite Ringo Hotel

JOHN ANDERSON INJURED SERIOUSLY BY FALLING WALLS

FARMER RESIDING NORTHWEST OF CENTRALIA CAUGHT BETWEEN COLLAPSING CELLAR—NEIGHBORS TO RESCUE.

John Anderson, 28 years old, living northwest of Centralia in this county was seriously injured and almost suffocated about noon Thursday when a concrete cyclone cellar collapsed on him.

His son, Cephus, who was leaning over the cellar at the time narrowly escaped being caught beneath the debris.

Neighbors came to the rescue when called by members of the family and Mr. Anderson was almost suffocated when he was freed from the cellar.

It took some time to dig him out as he was not only under the heavy concrete walls of the crumbled cellar but the wooden forms also had fallen on him.

The accident occurred as a result of taking the wooden forms down before the concrete had hardened sufficiently. While badly hurt we are glad to state Mr. Anderson will likely recover.

ASSESSMENTS RAISED IN CITY.

The County Board of Equalization, composed of the following: Judges Alex Carter, J. W. Beagles and C. C. Bledsoe, of the Co. Court, Co. Surveyor R. S. McKinney and assessor, J. K. Kohn, Mayor William Potts and City Assessor S. D. Byrne raised the following assessments at the last term of the County court:

Artic Ice Co. \$100 to \$500

Cotton Lumber Co. 3000 to 4000

E. A. Dearing 500 to 700

Guthrie & Son 2500 to 3000

Llewellyn & Sons 750 to 1000

Mexico Music Co. 750 to 1000

Mexico Variety Store 750 to 1000

Sam Morris 500 to 750

Prater Jewelry Co. 2000 to 2500

Otis Purdy 2000 to 2500

Pollock Milling Co. 4500 to 5000

F. M. Ragsdale 2500 to 3000

F. A. Sanebeck 200 to 500

J. E. Sterner 1250 to 1500

ADRAIN BOYS EXAMINED NEXT SATURDAY HERE

YOUTH BETWEEN AGES OF 12 AND 17, WHO PASSES BEST EXAMINATION WILL BE SENT TO STATE FAIR WITH ALL EXPENSES PAID.

An examination to select a representative of Audrain county at the state fair school for boys will be held in this city Saturday. County Superintendent Clyde Johnson will conduct the examination, and those who take part will have to answer questions on arithmetic, geography and arithmetic.

The applicants also will have to write an essay of 250 words on corn growing. Boys between the age of 12 and 17 are eligible to take the examination. The one receiving the highest grade will go to the state fair at the expense of the public.

Any other special teachers examination necessary will be given at that time.

THE BURLINGTON EXTENSION SAYS MOBERLY DEMOCRAT

SURVEYING SQUAD AVOIDED REPRESENTING THE "Q" WORK SECRETLY AT THE WABASH JUNCTION ON A NEW AIRLINE MAY START HERE.

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## ST. LOUIS "BILK STOCKED" LODGE WILL WORK HERE

TUSCAN LODGE, A. F. & A. M. WILL EXAMPLIFY THE DEGREE OF MASTER MASON HERE THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SEVENTH.

Tuscan lodge, A. F. & A. M. known as the "Bilk Stocked" lodge of St. Louis Freemasons, will be here with its officers and accompanied by former Mexico men, on the evening of September 27th will be the guest of Mexico lodge No. 544 A. F. & A. M. and give the Master Mason's degree to Dr. C. T. Coward, formerly of this city now a government inspector at the stock yards. East St. Louis is a son of John Coward, of this city.

J. W. Shelley, a former Audrain County boy is Worshipful Master of Tuscan lodge and writes that besides the other officers there will be a number of former Mexico men, all Masons, present at the initiation.

Among those expected are Joseph and E. C. McIntyre, C. R. Lupton, and X. P. Willey. All members of the Masonic fraternity in Mexico, Audrain county or neighboring counties are invited and a large crowd is expected.

MUST BELIEVE IT

When well known Mexico people tell is so plainly

When public endorsement is made by a representative citizen of Mexico the proof is positive. You must believe it. Read this testimony. Every sufferer of Kidney Backache, every man, woman or child with kidney trouble will do well to read the following:

Wm. C. Payne, painter, 112 E. Liberty St. Mexico, Mo., says: "Several years ago I suffered with rheumatic twinges and kidney complaint. My pains and aches were so bad at times, even by the morning injections brought no benefit. I could not bend or stoop and could not bear any weight against me. At all I doctored and used remedies, but it was Doctor's Kidney Pills that cured me. Since then, I have recommended this remedy to many people who have been bothered with kidney complaint. I have never been without Doctor's Kidney Pills in the house since and cannot say too much in their praise."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-McBarnes Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Don't take any other.

LADONIA NEWS

(From the Herald)

Chas. Summerson and Miss Clara Stouder, of Ladonia, were married in St. Louis recently. Both are members of well known families.

Mr. Leslie Bell, has been visiting here, Mr. J. L. Shobe in Mexico.

Frank Farrah, wife and baby, have returned home to Mexico after a pleasant visit with his sister, Mrs. Harvey Summerson.

W. E. Cunningham, wife and little daughter, Cynthia, arrived last week after a 3 weeks visit in South Missouri where Mr. C. bought 15 head of mules and three horses. They drove home. He says at one place where they stayed they had to pay for the water the stock drank.

Mrs. J. L. Watson and niece, Miss Mabel, and P. P. Hummel went to Locust Grove church in Boone county Saturday to visit Rev. J. L. Watson who is in a meeting.

The Ladonia Old Fellows passed a beautiful resolution tribute to the late Prof. J. L. Shobe.

Ed. B. Gibbs of Mexico is holding a meeting at Ocean Wave Rattle county.

Mrs. Paul E. Coll is visiting her mother, Mrs. Johnson northwest of town, where Dr. is in Chicago taking a course in surgery.

J. Stevens and Mr. Stevens bought the rent corn of Mr. Croach of Illinois who owns a farm. It is the old Cornbelt price 74-1-2 cents.

City Marshal M. W. Ryer received a letter from his son, Ryer, of Butte, Mont., in which he disclosed the fact he was married to Miss Clara Davis of Bozeman, Mont., Nov. 4, 1912, and was now holding the responsible position of Manager of Mountain State Telephone Co., with headquarters at Butte.

J. A. Smith, wife and daughter, Miss Geraldine and son Howard, Miss Ida Grubb, Cheever Day, wife and children attended the Homecoming at Creek church near Perry Sunday.

Thos. Benson of Slater preached in the morning and Rev. China, of Vandalia, preached in the afternoon. An good dinner was on the ground and a glorious old fashioned meeting was had.

See Craddock, the Bookstore, Saturday for your School Books and Supplies. He can furnish you either new or extra good second hand school books at a saving of 40 to 50 per cent. He will also buy your old school books if kind in use and in good CLEAN condition.

35-31 Craddock, The Bookstore.

REGISTER A STRONG KICK

On the Chicago excursion Friday the Alton, were about a dozen from this place and nearby towns. They had engaged berths and when boarding the Illinois line the porter brought two colored women to give them berths. The Centralia folks at once made a kick and the colored folks were made to leave the car by the conductor. When the train returned Monday evening the same performance was repeated, but here the conductor would not refuse the colored women admittance.

All the white people in the car got up and registered a strong kick, but the conductor would do nothing. The white people then refused to return and the matter was settled only by giving them another sleeper.

Among those from here on the sleeper were E. L. Kennedy and wife, Mrs. O. B. Mayes, Mrs. Ella Spurling of Columbia, and Mrs. Walter Ridgeway, of Fayette, who were here at the time of the excursion.

Centralia Guard.

Mrs. Dr. Blank is home from Columbia.

## Stock and Farm News

In the five gained saddle steers, say age class at the St. Paul show show Sept. 1, three were five entries for four prizes, \$25, \$25, \$25 and \$15. It was won by Houshain & Anderson, last was won by Houshain & Anderson, second by O. J. Moore of Des Moines, Iowa, and third and fourth by the Tom Ross Stables of Madison, Mo. A beautiful sorrel stallion, driven by Tom Ross, was greatly admired.

THE report of the receipts and expenditures of the 5-mile road district by the clerk N. Myers shows that the money is being carefully economically expended for permanent good roads. The 5-mile road district commission is very earnest and active in its work to make the roads in the Mexico 5-mile district the best in the state. That's the way to make Mexico a greater city.

THE Metropolitan papers announce that it rained in Missouri forty years ago Wednesday. Does this settle the question as to when it rained in Mexico?

THIS is not the first dry year nor the driest year Missouri has ever had. No use in trying to make matters worse than they really are. People of Mexico and Audrain County are in fairly good shape and Mexico is going to grow and prosper as it has always done in the past.

Since the visit of the United States Poultry car the movement to improve the quality of eggs in the county has received a decided impetus. Chas. Clark has been to see "Farmer" Rusk stating he, with a number of others, want their poultry capotized. Audrain holds fourth place in the state of Missouri for the production of eggs. Mr. Rusk is a graduate of the state college of Agriculture, regarding his doing this work.

Mr. Rusk is one of the leading authorities on scientific agriculture in Missouri.

A capotized rooster is as tender as a spring chicken. It never crows and can be used for brooding purposes. It means infertile eggs which eliminates much of the danger of them rotting.

Such a move will materially increase the poultry industry of the County and if properly followed up will place us even closer to the best than fourth.

The past month of August left a record for heat and lack of rain that has not been equalled in a long number of years. The government weather bureau has been in existence for 25 years and it has no record of a previous August during which the maximum heat remained high above 90 on the average for 31 days.

In some sections of the country no rain whatever fell during August, and in fact, over most of the west, south and middle states very little rain has fallen since June and not much during that month.

Col. Dick Dalton is going to have an enormous apple crop; and says he will have 3,000 barrels of Johnnabons apples.

Why not a "Farm Clean up Day?"

W. L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, raises the question, and says: Town clean-up days have become common and have proved most effective in promoting pride and cleanliness. Why not, then, a clean-up day in the country? All the empty cans are not in town—but some of them ought to be.

While Missouri farms to spare need favorably in point of cleanliness, but by and order with those of any state there are many farms that need clean up.

Who would proclaim a farm clean-up day? The governor of the state or the members of the county court might ask that such a day be observed. Perhaps the county farm adviser or county superintendent of schools might get the farmers of the county interested in such a movement.

Baxter Guthrie, who lives about 15 miles southwest of Mexico was in town Friday and reported a good rain out his way that morning.

Sam Boone road overseer in Ralling Township is putting in some splendid concrete culverts on the North Missouri State Highway. Sam believes that permanent good roads are worth the price. That is where Sam is right.

J. P. Larkin, who lives 5 miles southeast of Mexico has 5 stalks of corn on display at the Southern Bank which are splendid. The stalks are about 10 feet tall. That's mighty good "dry weather" corn.

John Brewer shipped a carload of fine saddle horses to Chicago Monday. They were all good ones.

At the regular monthly meeting, Saturday of the Mexico Eight Mile Road Commission 12 new concrete culverts were ordered built at once. A gasoline mixer has been secured so that 2 culverts can be erected each day. Farmers are hauling the material and the Commission is at ways glad to meet the farmer half way by doing the remainder of the work.

The twelve new culverts are located as follows: near Dr. L. Rogers, northeast of Mexico;